

GREAT CHANGE IS COMING IN RUSSIA

BILLY MAY MEANT TO KILL CORA

Admitted This Just Before His Death Came in Hospital

AFFIDAVIT IS FILED

Attorney Shaw Asks Court to Reconsider Three Month Sentence.

Shortly before noon today Attorney Harry Shaw who represented Mrs. Core May in her recent trial for the murder of her husband, the late William May, presented an affidavit to Judge Scott Lowe showing beyond all doubt, that Mrs. May acted in self-defense.

The affidavit was made by Clyde Baker, who for six years has been an employee of the Fairmont hospital No. 3 and who was the only person to hear May say anything after the shooting. Baker heard May say that it was a good thing that she shot him, when she did, otherwise he would have killed her, or words to that effect.

In view of these circumstances, Attorney Shaw today appeared in Criminal court and made a motion that Judge Lowe reconsider his sentence in the case. Mrs. May was originally sentenced to serve three months in the Marion county jail and to pay a fine of \$25. Judge Lowe will reconsider his judgment in the case.

Throughout the trial Attorney Shaw made attempt after attempt to learn just what May had said, if anything, after he had been shot. All of the witnesses testified that they had heard him say nothing.

The affidavit which Attorney Shaw filed in court this morning follows:

State of West Virginia,

County of Marion, to-wit:

Clyde W. Baker, being first duly sworn, upon his oath says: That he is thirty-six years of age; that he is now employed at Fairmont Hospital No. 3, in Fairmont, West Virginia, and that he has been there for about nine years; that he is acquainted with William May, sometimes called "Billy" May in his life time; that he was called to the hospital when said Billy May was there as a patient following the shooting which is said to have taken place at his place of business on Water street in the month of March, 1919; that said Billy May was there with said May on the day he died, and in said conversation said May told him that about three hours before said May died, said Billy May went into the room occupied by said May to change his bed and to give him an injection and said Billy May.

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LOST

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FOR SALE.

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Oh, Listen Here!

By ADAM S. LANE.

Yesterday evening I met my old friend Mr. E. E. Meredith. And he said "Adam, I have been looking all over for you. I want to have just one word with you about that 'Oh Listen Here' stuff which you have been offering up on The West Virginian Salver. To a defenseless populace." "Ed—speak on."

"Well," he said, "You are getting yourself in exactly the right attitude. For a good sound thrashing. You sit around and visit among your friends, and then you make a bee line for the newspaper and spill everything you know. There is a constantly increasing squad in town, that is going to surely make you one of these days. Why, Charley Robb is worn to a shadow trying to figure up enough excuses to cover five nights absence from home and the other fellows' wives who have been on vacations are coming in on every train from ten days to two weeks ahead of schedule."

"Enough is enough, Adam. Mind what I say." "S' I. 'Ed the Green-eyed Monster has got you. Professional jealousy is sticking out all over you."

"You needn't try to scare me. Let me tell you something. Jimmy Herbert has promised to take all my lickings for me. All I have to do is to write and he stands for the consequences. By gum, if the fellows don't want me to tell on 'em—"

"Let 'em have it. I haven't ever begun to talk yet! There is yet John Rock, and Sam Iseman, and er, Lessee—Rev. A. I. Barnes, and French McCray. That I haven't mentioned! The whole town will sit up when I tell what I know about them!"

"Mr. Meredith looked at me enviously. And, sighing, turned away. Great bluff. But it didn't work. Professor, dig in."

Says London Police Strike is a Failure

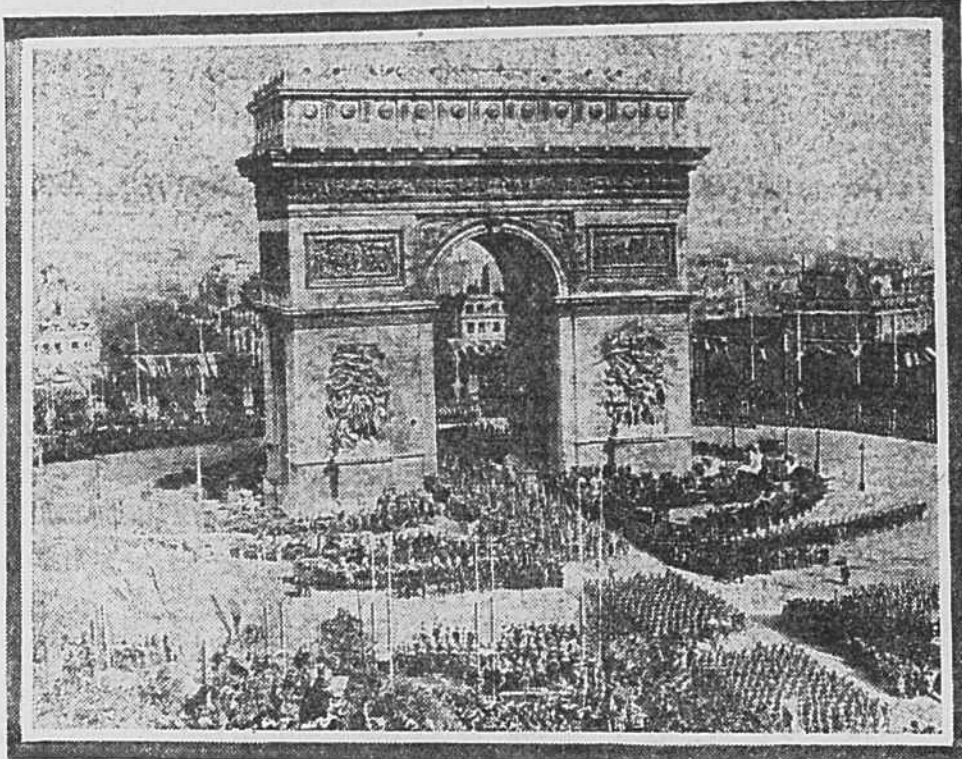
(By Associated Press.) LONDON, August 1.—The police strike in London and the British provinces, called suddenly yesterday in protest against pending legislation affecting police organization went into effect today. While labor circles declared that some 65,000 policemen and prison officials throughout the country had left their duty it was asserted by Edward Short, the Home secretary of the House of Commons during the late forenoon that the strike had been a failure both in London and in the provinces.

Notice to Presidents and Secretaries of all Local Unions of Fairmont and The President and Secretary of Fairmont Central Labor Board.

In as much as the socialist party is the only party in the coming city campaign that will represent the will of labor and the Socialists being desirous of incorporating into its platform the desires of the working class of this city we the members of the City Executive Committee call upon the President and Secretary of all local unions in the city and the President and Secretary of the Central Body to meet at Willards Hall Sunday at 10:00 a. m. for the purpose of assisting the committee in drawing a city platform representative of the will of labor of our city.

B. F. MILLS, Secy.

FRENCH MARSHALS AND AMERICAN COLORS IN BASTILLE DAY PARADE



Americans accorded the place of honor and led the big Bastille Day parade in Paris, July 14th. Photo shows American colors being carried under Arch of Triumph. (C) Underwood & Underwood.

PERCENTAGE PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION FOR ALL COAL CARS

B. & O. Hopes for Better Supply of Empties in Few Days.

Car percentage is in force on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad commencing today, and it begins with but 650 cars on the Monongah division. The percentage plan was devised to secure fair distribution of empties among the different coal regions on the B. & O. system at a time when the supply is below the demands of the operators. In the past this has been a partial success as far as this region is concerned and has led to a great deal of controversy between the Fairmont field operators and the road. The reason for this has been that the Monongah division for one reason and another has always suffered in comparison with the other fields on the system. When the railroads were taken over by the government and the slate was wiped clean the Monongah division was many thousands cars behind the number to which it was entitled under the percentage system of car distribution.

With the car supply shot to pieces mining interests are suffering in the Fairmont region. The Consolidation Coal Company today has comparatively few mines working. Pitcairn and Junior of the Clark interests are both down. The other operators are affected in about similar proportions. Although there were 1618 cars on (Continued on page five.)

SURGEONS SAVE MARSHAL NICHOLS

Local Hero Recovering From Air Plane Injuries in Baltimore Hospital.

Mrs. Mary A. Nichols of Locust avenue has been notified that her grandson, Marshal R. Nichols who is in a Baltimore hospital, being treated for an injury sustained while in government service abroad, probably will recover from his injuries. The young man was severely injured when the aeroplane in which he was riding and which he served as a mechanic fell to the ground. He was caught beneath the machine and his chest and lungs badly crushed. He was brought to Baltimore about three months ago on a cot and placed in the hospital where it was believed he would not recover. But owing to his splendid physique it is now believed he will get entirely well. He had been in the service of the government four years at the time war was declared by the United States and he at once enlisted and was sent abroad and stationed at Queensdown. He was regarded as a splendid mechanic. The young man's mother died when he was born and he was reared by his grandmother Mr. Nichols of this city.

NO ENOCH ARDEN ROLE FOR WELLS

Has Wife Who Married Another Arrested on Bigamy Charge.

Believing that her husband had been killed in a railroad accident, Mrs. Grace Wells married a man by the name of Ellers. Last night her first husband turned up with Monongalia county officers and with Deputy Sheriff John Glover and James Barrett of this county, went to the house where she was staying near Bar-rackville and arrested her on a charge of bigamy.

Mrs. Wells claims that she had not seen her husband for a period of six years and was of the opinion that he was dead. According to Wells, his wife, became infatuated with Ellers and eloped with him. One child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wells and when the latter went to Morgantown recently to get the child, Wells went before a Justice and swore out a warrant against his wife, charging bigamy. Mr. and Mrs. Wells and their small child were taken back to Morgantown yesterday evening by Monongalia county officers.

A Refusal to Bluff. "The reason you don't admire Wegner's opera is that you don't understand them," said the undaunted enthusiast. "Well," commented the candid person, "isn't that reason enough?" Washington Star.

PRICES FOR ARMY'S SURPLUS FOOD ARE RECEIVED IN CITY

Unlikely That Car Load Lots Will Be Ordered for Fairmont.

A price list of surplus government food stuffs for sale to municipalities, was received by Commissioner of Finance J. Walter Barnes this morning. The price list is that for carload lots purchased from the Zone Supply office in Chicago, Ill., the cost of freight and distribution to be added, but gives one an idea of the reasonable prices which the government is asking for its surplus food.

In view of the fact that the government is arranging to have the food stuffs ordered and delivered through the Postoffice department, it is not probable that the city of Fairmont will place an order as originally proposed. Acting Postmaster Clyde Holt had not received any official notice of the plan to distribute food through the postoffice at a late hour today, but is expecting the official notice together with a price list in most any mail.

It is the opinion of the city officials that the food can be ordered through the postoffice at approximately the same price that it could be ordered by the city with the freight and cost of distribution added thereto. The parcel post rates on the food should be a small item.

The price list of food stuffs received by Commissioner Barnes this morning reveals some interesting figures in the retail trade.

Bacon in crates for 34 cents per pound while that put up in twelve pound tins sells for 36 cents per pound. No. 1 baked beans sold up by the W. H. Dyer Packing company sell for .074 per can.

No. 2 peas put up by some of the very packing companies and most popular brands sell at from 10 1-3 to 11 cents per can.

"Sweet corn put up in cans by the Sears and Nichols Packing company of numerous brands, sells for 9 1-2 to 11 cents per can. String beans of the best variety sell from 11 to 14 1-4 cents per can. Canned tomatoes range from 14 to 17 cents per can.

Chinese Making It Hot for the Japs

(By Associated Press.) HONOLULU, Aug. 1.—Serious anti-Japanese disturbances are reported at Tsi-Nan-Fu, capital of the province of Shantung, China, according to cable advices received here today from Tokio by the Nippon Jiji, a Japanese daily paper. The cable added that the commander of the Japanese garrison had declared martial law.

WHY ARE SHOES HOT? WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—A resolution directing the Federal Trade Commission to inquire into the increase in the price of shoes was reported out today by the House Interstate Commerce committee.

LENINE PLANS TO DROP REINS TO PROVE NO OTHER PARTY CAN RESTORE ORDER IN THE COUNTRY

Adopted This Plan Because it Promises to Put Bolsheviki Back Into Power After Short Trial

TROTZKY TO REMAIN HEAD OF RED ARMY

Russian Premier's Theories Have Received The Endorsement of the Most Important Members of His Government—Fighting Goes on.

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 1.—(By Associated Press.)—The Svenska Dagbladet is informed by persons closely connected with the Russian Soviet government that Nikolaï Lenine, the premier, intends to begin a drastic change of policy and then retire.

One condition of his retirement will be that Leon Trozky the Bolsheviki war minister be left in command of the Red army. At recently held meetings of the Soviet commissary, the newspaper's informant says, the question of giving power into the hands of other Socialist parties was earnestly discussed, but Lenine declared the best way to check reaction as represented by Admiral Kolchak, head of the all Russian government at Omsk, would be to drop power for a time in order to prove that no other party was able to reorganize Russia. This, Lenine contended, would

strengthen the Bolsheviki and enable them to resume power. Lenine's views were shared by George Tchitcherine, the commissary for foreign affairs; M. Stouthka, commissary of justice, and Prof. Todrozski, commissary of the interior.

LONDON, Aug. 1.—News was received here today that the volunteer armies of Gen. Denikine, one of the most important of the Russian anti-Bolsheviki forces, have scored another important success capturing the city of Poltava.

LONDON, Aug. 1.—Successes for the Bolsheviki in the Onega sector of the Archangel front are reported in a Soviet official statement, sent by wireless from Moscow. The statement declares the Bolsheviki forces have advanced 14 miles, aided by a mutiny among the allied troops.

Three Nations Can Validate the Treaty

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—It was made known at the White House today that the protocol to the peace treaty which was sent to the Senate yesterday by the President included the agreement that the German treaty shall come into force on its ratification by three of the associate powers and Germany.

What else was contained in the protocol, if anything, was not disclosed. Great Britain and Germany have already ratified the treaty and as soon as it shall have been approved by two others of the Associated nations, it will take effect as far as those four countries are concerned, permitting immediate resumption of full diplomatic and trade relations.

The protocol reached the Senate yesterday too late to be laid before the body. It may be taken up today in Executive session and later made public.

Bela Kuhn Holding on Tight in Hungary

(By Associated Press.) VIENNA, Thursday, July 31.—Bela Kuhn, head of the Budapest Soviet government, after conferring today with those seeking to establish a new government in Hungary told them that it "was a contest between a lion and a mouse" but he would give an answer by August 5. The conference took place at Bruck on the frontier.

Railroad Increases Up to Congress

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—President Wilson today asked Congress to create a special investigating commission to pass on the wage increases asked by the rail shopmen and other railway employees.

POLES RATIFY TREATY

PARIS, Aug. 1.—The Polish Parliament yesterday ratified the German treaty and also the treaty for the protection of minority by a vote of 245 to 41.

CABINET INQUIRY INTO LIVING COSTS

Committee Will Report Monday as to What It Finds.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—A special committee to consider means of reducing the high cost of living was appointed at the meeting yesterday of members of President Wilson's cabinet with Attorney General Palmer. The committee will compile suggestions thus far made and report to the Cabinet meeting Monday when further steps will be taken.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—Attorney General Palmer yesterday summoned the heads of important Government departments to confer with him immediately on the high cost of living and to consider appropriate measures to reduce prices to the average citizen.

Those requested to meet in the Attorney General's office were Secretaries Glass, Houston, Redfield and Wilson. Director of the Treasury Leffingwell and Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission.

It was said that the Attorney General called the conference on his own initiative and not at the suggestion of the President, with whom it was learned he conferred last night following representation of request for governmental action by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

The conference, however, was believed to have the sanction of the President, who has been reported as determined to effect some relief for wage earners.

The Department of Justice already has under way several investigations bearing on the cost of living, but their nature has not yet been disclosed. In addition, the departments' experts are examining evidence submitted by the Federal Trade Commission on the packing industry and a decision is expected shortly as to whether or not prosecutions will be instituted.

Mrs. Charles Watkins, of Shinnston, is in the city today the guest of relatives. She is leaving Tuesday for Philadelphia where she will attend the Baptist summer assembly at Broadus Institute.